for modernisation and development of postsl network will be undertaken, and if so, when and how?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) Coordination between financial outlay and physical targets is normally done at the beginning of a 5 year Plan or of an Annual Plan. Lack of coordination between financial outlay and physical target can be attributed to the following reasons:—

(i) Cost escalation subsequent to setting up the targets leading to scaling down the physical targets in accordance with the availability of resources.

(ii) Delays in development of products/ schemes largely by outside agencies leading to non-achievement of both physical and financial targets.

(iii) Delays in obtaining approvals from various authorities competent to give such approvals within a timeframe.

In order to ensure better coordination through effective monitoring and focussed management, a separate Divsion for Corporate Planning & Technology has been set up at the headquarters. This has resulted in achievement of both physical and financial targets during 1995-96, especially relating to modernisation of postal services. While strategy for modernisation of the postal system has been evolved, it is necessary to implement the strategy through Annual Plans in view of the rapid obsolescence of technology in a longer time-frame.

Sale of Paraffin Wax-III

1672. SHRIMATI RANUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether sale of Paraffin Wax, Type III produced by Small Scale Industries all over India is exempted from the provisions of Paraffin Control Order, 1972;

(b) if so, how come the Delhi State Government is still controlling the sale of Paraffin Wax Type III under the above provisions and forcing the Small Scale Industries to obtain Dealership licence under the above Act and further forcing them to sell the paraffin Wax Type-III at an abnormally low price causing substantial loss to the units; and

(c) what action Government have taken in this regard to give relief to the Small Scale Industries in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Paraffin Wax (Supply, Distribution and Price Fixation) Order, 1972 is still in force.

**Written answers to Starred and Unstarred Questions set for 11th August 1995*

Membership Allotted by the India Habitat Centre

*161. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many membership have been allotted by the India Habitat Centre till June 1995;

(b) what criteria was laid down in allotting the membership and the details of the criteria;

(c) the reasons and the criteria for rejecting the applications of those who had applied and what the institution intend to do with that;

(d) when would the Centre be ready for use by its members; and

(e) whether there is any plan to increase its membership in the near future; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT(SMT. SHEELA KAUL): (a) to (e) India Habitat Centre is registered as a society under the Societies Registration Act and is an autonomous organisation which is not in receipt of public funds or grants. The Centre has been set up with the objective of developing an integrated physical environment in which various professionals and institutions dealing with different facets of Habitat and Habitat related

* The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Friday, the 11th August, 1995 was cancelled. Answers to Questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, the 16th August, 1995.